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LUXURY TOURIST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in regard to start luxury tourist trains in various States to encourage tourism;

(b) whether proposals in this regard are also received from some State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith their present status?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): This Ministry runs only three luxury tourist trains at present viz. "Palace on Wheels" and "Heritage on Wheels" in the Rajasthan Sector and "Deccan Odyssey" in Maharashtra Sector. Further, Indian Railways has approved for luxury tourist trains in the state of Rajasthan i.e., 2nd Palace on Wheels & Karnataka and the same will be in operation after signing of MoU/Agreement during the tourist season of 2007-08. The luxury tourist train in Punjab sector has also been considered & may be introduced after signing of MoU/Agreement and manufacturing of the coaches.